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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: ) **Attorney Docket: D9310**  
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Filed: JUNE 11, 1997 )  
Group Art No: 2212 )  
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For: SCANNING STYLUS ATOMIC FORCE )  
MICROSCOPE WITH CANTILEVER )  
TRACKING AND OPTICAL ACCESS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before acting on the above-identified application for the first time, please  
amend the application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE**

Please change the title of this application to --SCANNING STYLUS ATOMIC  
FORCE MICROSCOPE WITH CANTILEVER TRACKING AND OPTICAL ACCESS--.